

HURRICANE MITCH RECONSTRUCTION UPDATE



USAID/Nicaragua Hurricane Mitch Reconstruction Program

(U.S. Millions of Dollars)	\$103.6
Public Health	30.1
Economic Reactivation	59.1
Education	4.5
Municipal Infrastructure	4.4
Transparency and Accountability	1.0
Food Aid	4.5



Departments of Nicaragua
Affected by Hurricane Mitch

USAID FUNDS SIX NEW HEALTH CENTERS

Tipitapa, Nicaragua—

When this new PROFAMILIA health center opens its doors in early March, the residents of this municipality will be provided with a full range of low-cost, quality health services.

The Tipitapa health center is one of six health clinics funded by USAID under the Commercial Marketing Strategies (CMS) project. The clinics are modeled after other USAID projects that successfully set up private health clinics in Bolivia, Pakistan and other developing countries.

The clinics will be located in areas affected by Hurricane Mitch in October 1998, that are currently under-served by the existing health care



The Tipitapa Health Clinic, built with anti-seismic materials, will operate 24-hours a day, seven days a week providing this Hurricane Mitch affected area low-cost, quality health services.

system.

With a budget of \$5.6 million from USAID, the clinics will offer preventative and curative care including prenatal and pediatric care, emergency and other general health services. The clinics will also provide

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IMPROVING HEALTH SERVICES IN RIO BLANCO

A completely refurbished health center along with a new warehouse and medical staff housing will soon be inaugurated in the town of Rio Blanco, located 154 miles north of Managua.

The health center, heavily damaged during Hurricane Mitch, received a new roof, a drainage system, the installation of five bathrooms, and emergency room im-

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dental care. Each clinic will have a laboratory, and a small pharmacy. The larger Tipitapa clinic, with a 6-bed patient capacity, will also have x-ray facilities and an operating room.

The idea behind the USAID project is to provide a primary health care alternative for approximately 240,000 Nicaraguans living in Hurricane Mitch affected areas, through privately run clinics that will deliver affordable, high quality health care. After conducting



Much of the furniture for the clinics was locally made, which helped to keep costs down and provide employment.

a market study, the fee for general medical services was set at \$4, however, some preventative care including vaccinations, and growth and development will be free of charge.

The USAID funding covers the construction of the six clinics, the purchase of equipment, clinic operating costs, marketing, management, and technical assistance.

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provement through USAID's Prosalud program. The \$99,000 rehabilitation also included the remodeling of three examination rooms, and upgrading of the pharmacy and laboratory facilities. The new health clinic will serve a population of 23,000.

A house for medical and nursing personnel was also built in the remote community of Lisawé, located about 40 miles north of Rio Blanco. The new housing has made it possible to staff the health post in Lisawé with a doctor and a nurse to serve the community of 3,000.

USAID funded the building of another house for medical staff in the community of Mulukukú. The house is currently occupied by two Ministry of Health physicians and a nurse who serve the community of 7,000 persons.

The USAID-funded Prosalud Project is working with Private Voluntary Organizations and the Nicaraguan Ministry of Health to restore and improve health services in areas affected by Hurricane Mitch. With a budget of \$2 million the USAID/Prosalud project is repairing and equipping 54 health facilities with the goal of providing quality health care services.



The Rio Blanco health clinic has been remodeled to provide quality care to the population of 23,000.

Improving Public Health

The Hurricane Mitch Reconstruction Program includes \$30.1 million for rebuilding and expanding health care in areas affected by the hurricane. A total of 54 health facilities will be repaired and equipped. The Prosalud Project, financed by USAID, will provide full health services to 780,000 people. Close to 40,000 families received household water filters. The Environmental Health Project will invest \$9.5 million in building wells and latrines. An important component of the project includes training and education to insure better hygiene and proper use of water and sanitation systems.

In addition, the USAID Food Aid Program helps promote better health practices.



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